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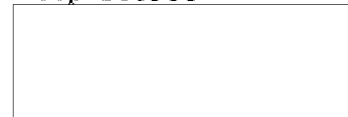
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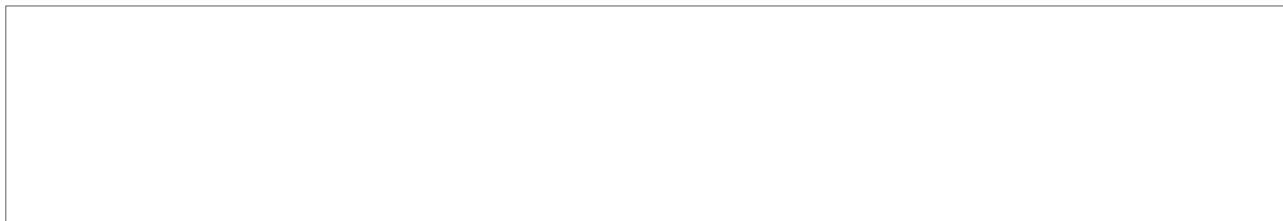
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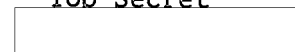


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IRAQ-IRAN: Political and Military Activity

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*President Saddam Hussein still appears to be in control in Baghdad, and Iran is preparing for renewed attacks on Iraqi positions in Iran.* [redacted]

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//The Iraqi General Intelligence Directorate, headed by the President's half-brother, now has virtually total control of the defense of the capital. Saddam reportedly has appointed another half-brother as head of the powerful military bureau of the Revolutionary Command Council.//  
[redacted]

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//Saddam is holding frequent meetings with senior officers in an attempt to improve military performance.  
[redacted]

//Iran's swift rejection of Iraq's offer of a cease-fire and withdrawal was accompanied by a charge that it was a ploy to keep Saddam and the Baath Party in power. Islamic Conference mediators who had gone to Tehran on Monday found the Iranians inflexible.//  
[redacted]

Comment: Saddam relies on political appointees to control the professional military and will be reluctant to remove many of them. The increased power of the General Intelligence Directorate, as well as the appointment of a close relative to another key security post, indicates he is growing uneasy about his control. [redacted]

The Iranian troops being sent to Syria will be drawn from Dezful, and this shift will not affect Iranian offensive preparations around Qasr-e Shirin or deployments along the border near Al Basrah. [redacted]

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POLAND: Seventh Month of Martial Law

*Solidarity activists apparently are planning fewer demonstrations on Sunday to mark the imposition of martial law than they staged in May, but tensions are high and clashes with the police remain possible.* [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Solidarity leaders, according to the US Embassy, do not plan any mass actions for the next several months. They believe that workers are tired and that the strikes in May exposed their activists, who were then arrested or fired. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The US Consul in Krakow has reported increasing tensions on local university campuses. Students, who have been the most willing to participate in street demonstrations, are discussing means of self-defense in protests set for Sunday. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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NICARAGUA: New Attacks on the Private Sector

*The Sandinista government appears to be taking advantage of shortages caused by the flood disaster in late May to extend control over the private sector.* [redacted]

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The regime is assailing private retailers and distributors for purported profiteering and evasion of price controls. Last week government officials announced that hundreds of retailers had been fined, some stocks of basic commodities had been confiscated, and arrests had begun. Moreover, the government is contemplating tougher laws that would extend price controls to all commercial products, regulate profit margins for all transactions, and impose stiff penalties for violators. [redacted]

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Comment: Managua's actions appear designed to move the country closer to a state-controlled economy. The new campaign against the merchants constitutes another serious blow to the private sector. [redacted]

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## NATO: France Delays MBFR Proposal

//Allied efforts to submit a draft MBFR treaty are being hampered by French objections to including Berlin in the area subject to negotiations. France, which is not a direct participant in the talks, fears that US and British agreement to include their West Berlin garrisons in the negotiations in Vienna will establish a precedent and lead to Eastern pressures on Paris to do the same. The French believe their position in the four-power administration of Berlin is especially important because it confirms France's status as a great power and because of the influence it gives France over West Germany.//

[redacted]

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Comment: //France wants to delay presentation of the draft--or at least that portion dealing with the area where there will be force reductions--until it receives US and British assurances that Allied rights in Berlin would not be made negotiable. The other Allies do not believe the proposed treaty would jeopardize France's interests, and they favor presenting it to the East as soon as possible.//

[redacted]

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## SOMALIA: Political Crackdown

The Somali Army, on orders from President Siad, arrested several leading political figures this week, including Third Vice President Ali Abokar. Arrest orders also have been issued for former Acting Defense Minister Omar Haji.

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Comment: //Siad's wide-ranging crackdown, which is prompted by his fears of increasing coup plotting in several quarters, probably will intensify opposition to his rule. The arrest of Omar Haji may stimulate greater factionalism and discontent in the military. Some of the arrested officials, including Ali Abokar, are prominent northerners whose detention will add to the growing political unrest in the north.//

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